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PLASMON RESONANCE AND NOBLE METAL
COMPOUND USED FOR THE SAME

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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The above-identified U.S. patent application was filed as the U.S. national phase of PCT/JP2004/015347, which in turn claimed priority on JP 2003-566934 and two other Japanese patent applications. The assignee also filed a Russian national phase of PCT/JP2004/015347. Additionally, the assignee also filed PCT/JP2004/002048 with a priority claim based on the above-referenced JP 2003-356934. Still further, the assignee's European Patent Appl. No. 04 004 112.1 claims priority on JP 2003-356934 and the assignee's U.S. Patent No. 7,202,093 claims priority on JP 2003-356934.

Japanese counsel for the assignee has reviewed these various related files and has identified references that were cited during the prosecution of one or more of the related

applications. All of these references have been listed on the attached copies of Form PTO/SB/08a. Additionally, copies of the references other than the U.S. patents are submitted as part of this Information Disclosure Statement. The JP 09-257578 reference is submitted with an English language Abstract. The relevancy of this document is explained on page 5 of the subject application.

The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 5,313,264 is explained on page 9 of the subject application.

The English language publications of Yashiro et al. and Arii et al. were mentioned in the specification of one of the Japanese applications upon which priority is claimed.

The Russian reference was cited during the prosecution of the related Russian Patent Appl. No. 2006-116577. The Russian reference listed on the attached copy of Form PTO/SB/08a corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,628,376 which also is listed on the attached copy of Form PTO/SB/08a.

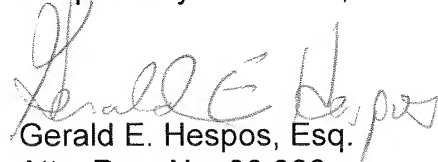
The Adams et al. publication was cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2004/002048, which claims priority on the above-referenced JP 2003-356934.

U.S. Patent No. 6,143,879 and the Nishino et al. publication were cited in the European Search Report for the related European Appl. No. 04 004 112.1.

The remaining references were cited during the prosecution of the related application that lead to U.S. Patent No. 7,202,093.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination
and to make the references of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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